

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **January 28, 2003, Work Session**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **4**

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION:

INFORMATION: **X**

ITEM TITLE: **Purchase of the Ericsson Property by Falwell Ministries**

RECOMMENDATION: None

SUMMARY: City staff has met with representatives of Falwell Ministries to discuss their plans for the purchase and redevelopment of the Ericsson property. It is staff's opinion that a rezoning will be required to accommodate the proposed uses. Although no application has been filed, because of the strong public interest in this matter, it was felt appropriate to invite Falwell Ministries to a Council work session to present their conceptual plans and receive some feedback. They have also agreed to commission an economic impact analysis.

PRIOR ACTION(S): None

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A at this time

CONTACT(S): Kimball Payne, Tom Martin

ATTACHMENT(S): Questions for Thomas Road Baptist Church

REVIEWED BY: lkp

Questions for Thomas Road Baptist Church

1. Address the expected economic impact to the City from your acquisition and development/redevelopment of the property. Explain your intentions on having this validated by a neutral party.
2. What is the projected growth rate per year of Liberty University?
3. Is there any other land holding by Liberty University or Thomas Road Baptist Church that could be rezoned to offset the loss of the Industrially zoned land?
4. What are the plans of SCI when the lease with Thomas Road Baptist Church has ended? Would the Church be willing to extend the lease if needed by SCI?
5. How many seats are proposed in the sanctuary portion?
6. How many people would be attending an event such as the "Living Christmas Tree"?
7. How would the property be used during the week and how many people would attend?
8. How much traffic was generated by Ericsson compared to what will be generated by the Church and University.
9. If a traffic study is warranted at this time, would the Church be willing to fund the study and proffer any needed improvements?
10. It was mentioned that a portion of the recreational facilities might be open to the general public. If this is factual, which parts and at what time? Would there be a charge to the public for use of the facilities?
11. Would the Church be willing to rezone only the portions of the property needed for the Church activities?
12. Are there any potential buyers for the existing Church facilities?